and committed participation of State Governments but also increased public awareness, and greater transparency and accountability in the public bodies.

Setting up of joint venture by NTPC

*29. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has formed a joint venture Utility Powertech Ltd. (UPL);

(b) if so, when it was formed and the details of nature of the joint venture and its present assignment;

(c) whether any progress has been made for NTPC and BHEL continues to offer bids for power projects including Ultra Mega Power projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) NTPC had formed a Joint Venture with Bombay Suburban Electricity Supply(BSES), namely, Utility Powertech Limited(UPL) in November, 1995 mainly to take up assignments of construction, erection and supervision in power sector and other sectors in India and abroad.

Subsequently, BSES was taken over by Reliance Energy Linited (REL) and UPL, at present, is a 50:50 Joint Venture between NTPC Limited and REL.

The following services are being provided by UPL:

(i) Operation and Maintenance Services

(ii) Renovation and Modernisation Services

(iii) Construction Services

(iv) Distribution works

(v) Rural Electrification works

(vi) Non-conventional Energy Services.

(c) to (e) As informed by NTPC Ltd., they and BHEL had agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the supply of Boiler and Turbo Generator equipments for the Sasan Ultra Mega Power project. However, the price quoted by BHEL was high. Consequently, NTPC Ltd. had considered the plant/equipments' cost based on the cost of the similar equipments previously awarded through the process of competitive bidding process for NTPC Ltd. projects and NTPC Ltd. submitted bids for 660 MW units for Sasan UMPP on its own.

Time limit for results of DU

†*30. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Orignial notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether any time limit has been fixed by the Delhi University to declare results of various regular and correspondence degree courses;

(b) if so, the respective intervals in terms of days/months at which results of various regular and correspondence degree courses have been declared after the date of examination during the last three years, till date; and

(c) the reasons for delay in declaring the results and the steps taken by Government to ensure timely declaration of results?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Universty of Delhi, though there is no time limit fixed for declaration of results, depending upon the nature of the course and the number of students, the results of regular students are declared within two to three months and that of correspondence courses within four to five months of the last date of the examination. The main reasons for the time taken by the University are, (i) centralized system of evaluation involving 3.5 lakh examinees, (ii) introduction of internal assessment, and (iii) the revision of syllabi resulting in holding of examination under both the new and the old patterns. The University is, however, in the process of computerisation of various examination related works to reduce the time taken in the declaration of results.

Appointment of directors for IIMs

*31. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to appoint directors for Indian Institutes of Managements (IIMs);

(b) if so, the purpose of such appointments and whether the local managements have been consulted in the matter, if so, their reaction thereto; and

(c) whether their viewpoints have been taken into consideration before making appointments of Government nominees as directors?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Government has initiated the process for selection of Directors of Indian Institutes of Management at Ahmedabad, Bangalore & Kolkata as these posts are due to fall vacant in the months of October and November, 2007 and for the appointment of the first Director of the newly established Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management, Shillong.

(b) and (c) The appointment of the Director of an IIM is made by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) out of the panel recommended by the Search-cum-Selection Committee constituted for the purpose. The Chairman of the Board of Governors of respective Indian Institute of Management is invariably one of the members of the Search-cum-Selection Committee.

Implementation of Energy Conservation Building Code

*32. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to ensure implementation of the Energy Conservation Building Code;